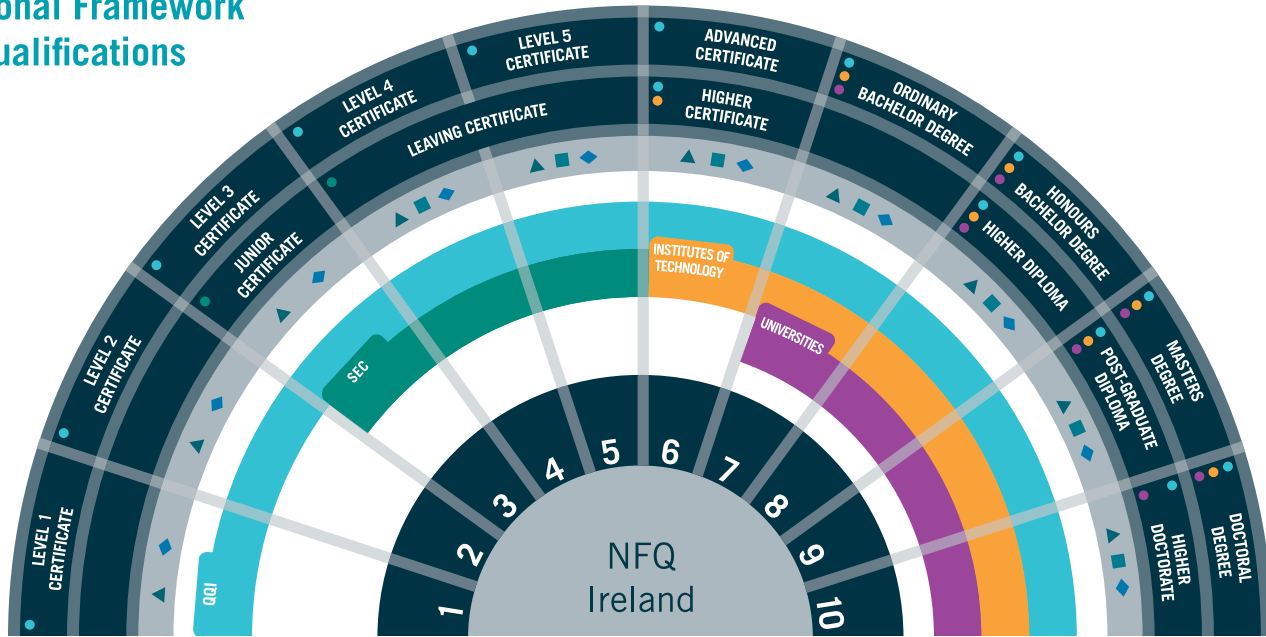




National Framework of Qualifications







AWARDING BODIES

- **Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)** makes awards in further and higher education and training
- **SEC - State Examinations Commission** (*Department of Education and Skills*)
- **Institutes of Technology**
- **Universities**

AWARDS IN THE FRAMEWORK

There are four classes of award in the National Framework of Qualifications:

-  **Major Awards:** named in the outer rings, are the principal class of awards made at a level
-  **Minor Awards:** are for partial completion of the outcomes for a Major Award
-  **Supplemental Awards:** are for learning that is additional to a Major Award
-  **Special Purpose Awards:** are for relatively narrow or purpose-specific achievement